



Draft Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Committee

(Approved on May 26. Motion made by Donna Benge
and seconded by Barbara Jarrett.

Date: **March 24, 2011**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **57 E. First Street, Mesa City Council Chambers**

Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Jared Smith, Chair Donna Benge, Vice Chair Barbara Jarrett Jeff Jarvis	Rebecca Benavidez John Wesley	Vic Linoff – Those Were the Days books Wendy Mack – Allred Linda Abbott–Save Our Train
Members Absent	Support Present	
Chad Cluff Randy Mann Steve McCance		

1. Call to Order

The March 24, 2011 meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes. Consider minutes of the February 24th, 2011 meeting.
Chair Jared Smith conducted the meeting and asked the Committee to consider the minutes. Motion by Jeff Jarvis, second by Barbara Jarrett to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with a small correction 4-0.

3. Zoning Code Update with regards to Historic Preservation. The Zoning Administrator, Gordon Sheffield, explained the improvements to the code including the Historic Preservation Committee name change to the Historic Preservation Board. Several Regulations are being modified. A Historic Clearance will now be called a Certificate of Appropriateness which is a nationally used term. Changes to the Single Residential District propose to increase roof coverage area and allowances to setbacks. Improvements to the setback requirements will allow for more livable space to the front of the house as opposed to only the rear of the house. Historic Districts may not have the opportunity to build an addition to the front of the house without compromising the historic appropriateness. Any front additions will require approval from the Historic Preservation Officer and/or the Historic Preservation Committee. Currently, there are no changes to the downtown district. However, the form-based code will be applicable to the downtown area. Please review the Zoning Code Update and information on the form based code at <http://mesaaz.gov/planning/ZoningOrdRewrite.aspx>

Mr. Jeff Jarvis – How does the Zoning Ordinance Update effect any CC&R's an HOA may have for a Mesa Neighborhood? Mr. Sheffield's response – The strictest regulations generally rule. Vice Chair – Donna Benge – If anyone wanted to build an

addition to the front of their house it would not require Planning Approval? Mr. Sheffield – That is correct. By right everyone would be allowed to build with the exception of the Historic Preservation Overlay.

4. Discuss the letter of support to the City Council for the Pioneer Park Locomotive restoration project. Member, Barbara Jarrett moved approval of the letter with a minor correction to the final draft. After correction is made, Chair, Jared Smith is to sign on behalf of the entire Historic Preservation Committee.
5. Review and discuss the support for US 60, 70 & 80 Designation along Main Street. Possible add signage. Mr. Gordon Nelson, Mesa Citizen has requested the Committee consider supporting the addition of signage for Main Street. The signage would designate a historical highway US 60, 70 & 80. Mr. Nelson was unable to attend the Historic Preservation Meeting however, he communicated through a letter and a voicemail he felt the board members were knowledgeable about the highway's history.

Mr. John Wesley, Historic Preservation Officer – There has been some discussion with the Transportation Department and there is no opposition to adding the signage. There may need to be additional research and discussion before moving forward with this project. There might be an interest with the City of Tempe and City of Phoenix.

Vice Chair, Donna Bengel – Can we declare support for this project to move forward?

Chair, Jared Smith - What is the history and the parameters of this project?

Mr. John Wesley- Is there anyone interested in doing research? Chairman, Jared Smith – It might be a good idea to research the importance, the when and the why. Member, Jeff Jarvis- It could be part of the US80 Bridge that is part of the celebration of Arizona's 100th Birthday. Chair, Jared Smith – Opened the floor to comment or add to the discussion.

Vic Linoff, Those Were the Days Books, - Actually, it was US 60, 70, 80 & 89 – Four Highways that went through Main Street. There is an extensive amount of information available online. Working with Tempe and Phoenix Historic Preservation Office will be helpful. The highway went through Main Street in Mesa, Apache & Mill in Tempe, and Van Buren/Grand Ave. in Phoenix. This project will go beyond Mesa and it will be great to have Mesa take the initiative. The tentative date for the ribbon cutting for the replacement of the Diving Lady will be October 5th, 2011. Maybe we can add an announcement for route designation at the Ribbon Cutting. The Mayor & Council will be in attendance.

Action Items – Research background and contact Phoenix & Tempe's Historic Preservation Officers. This item has been continued to the next agenda.

6. Updates from the museums and other Historic Groups. This should be a standing agenda item.
Planning Staff Update - Antique Wedding House. The applicant and owner went before the Planning & Zoning Board and were approved with conditions as well as the Board of Adjustment – approved with conditions. The Planning Division is still waiting for the phasing plans to be submitted for approval.

Linda Abbott, Save our Train - Train display at the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center has been very successful. The next display location will be at the Dobson Ranch Library. Falcon Field 70th Anniversary will be April 2nd, an informational booth will be set up. Ron Peters has drafted a site plan to have the Train moved to the SWC of the Park. Design of the Light Rail – The artist chosen for the Main Street Station had decided to

add some original station design and we might be able to have some information at the stop. We are hosting a Golf Tournament at Dobson Ranch information coming soon.

Vic Linoff, Mesa Preservation Foundation – Lady # 2 of the Diving Lady sign is being showcased at Fiesta Mall next to Macy's Department Store. The display has information available. The Mesa Preservation Foundation has a new board member, Council Member, Dennis Kavanaugh.

7. The next meeting has a scheduling conflict with time & location. A possible meeting time and date is the 3rd Thursday for the month of April. Full staff will not be available for this meeting. Vice Chair, Donna Bengel – Request a list of Historic Preservation winners and would like this item added to the next agenda.

Historic Preservation Conference is in June 22nd, 23rd & 24th. The Arizona Preservation Foundation and State Historic Preservation Office are putting the conference together. Vic Linoff and Ron Peters will be holding a double session. Some scholarships might be available. Mr. Wesley – We have not seen any information regarding the scholarships. Mr. Linoff, The Conference is located at the Marriott in Tucson. Registration for the conference is \$225.00. Mr. Wesley will research scholarship options.

8. *The meeting was adjourned by Barbara Jarrett and 2nd by Jeff Jarvis at 7:05 PM.*